

WORLD CUP RUNNETH OVER IN FRIENDSHIP AND SKILL

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The Eisenhower Trophy had just been presented to the United States team. Now the amateur golfers of 23 countries, lined up alongside the flagpoles flying their national colors, were about to break ranks on the terrace of a lovely, secluded Japanese resort overlooking the vast Pacific.

This was the end of the third World Team Championship.

But no! From the handsome hotel behind the terrace came the moving strains of "Auld Lang Syne" (thoughtfully arranged by the hotel's director, Kiyoshi Sawakuri).

Spontaneously, those who knew the words started to sing, and in a jiffy everybody was joining in. An Australian player, Tom Crow, crossed his arms and clasped the hands of the men on each side of him, and before the singing had reached the second "should auld acquaintance be forgot", everybody was united in a double, arm-crossed handclasp. You could have easily counted the dry eyes.

This, then, was the true if unscheduled ending of the World Championship last month—an ending which confirmed the renewal of old friendships and the start of new ones—an ending, and yet a beginning. Even in the flush of the American victory, a visitor from the United States apprehended far deeper values than those of golf competition. For this is what the World Amateur Golf Team Championship is all about.

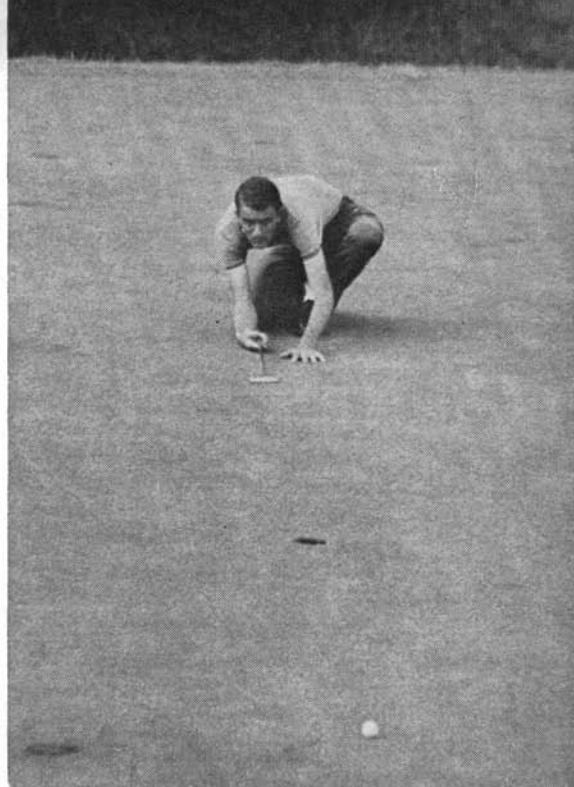
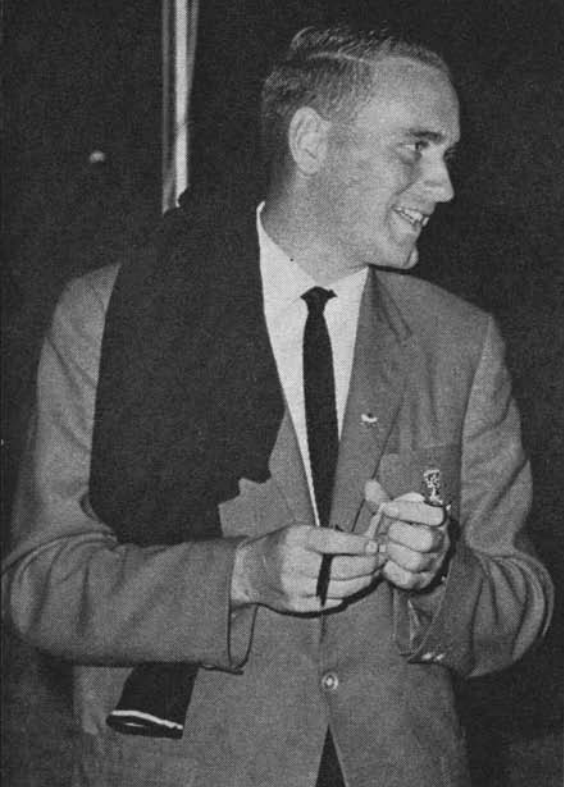
Japan contributed generously to the development of that spirit, first with boundless hospitality and, secondly, with a remarkably fine home for the event. The Kawana Hotel near Ito, some 75 miles southwest of Tokyo, is a golfer's Shangri-La. It has two golf

courses, in a spectacularly beautiful location on high bluffs bordering the ocean. The hotel and the courses were reserved for the players and others associated with the Championship. The fact that all the principals were under one roof gave a special flavor to the tournament and a special opportunity for people to know one another.

The Fuji Course, scene of the tournament, is a Championship test by any standard. It was played at 6,587 yards with a par of 70. Fuji has some steep hills and odd bounces to accentuate the problems of its excellent golfing design. Nothing was spared to keep it in excellent order.

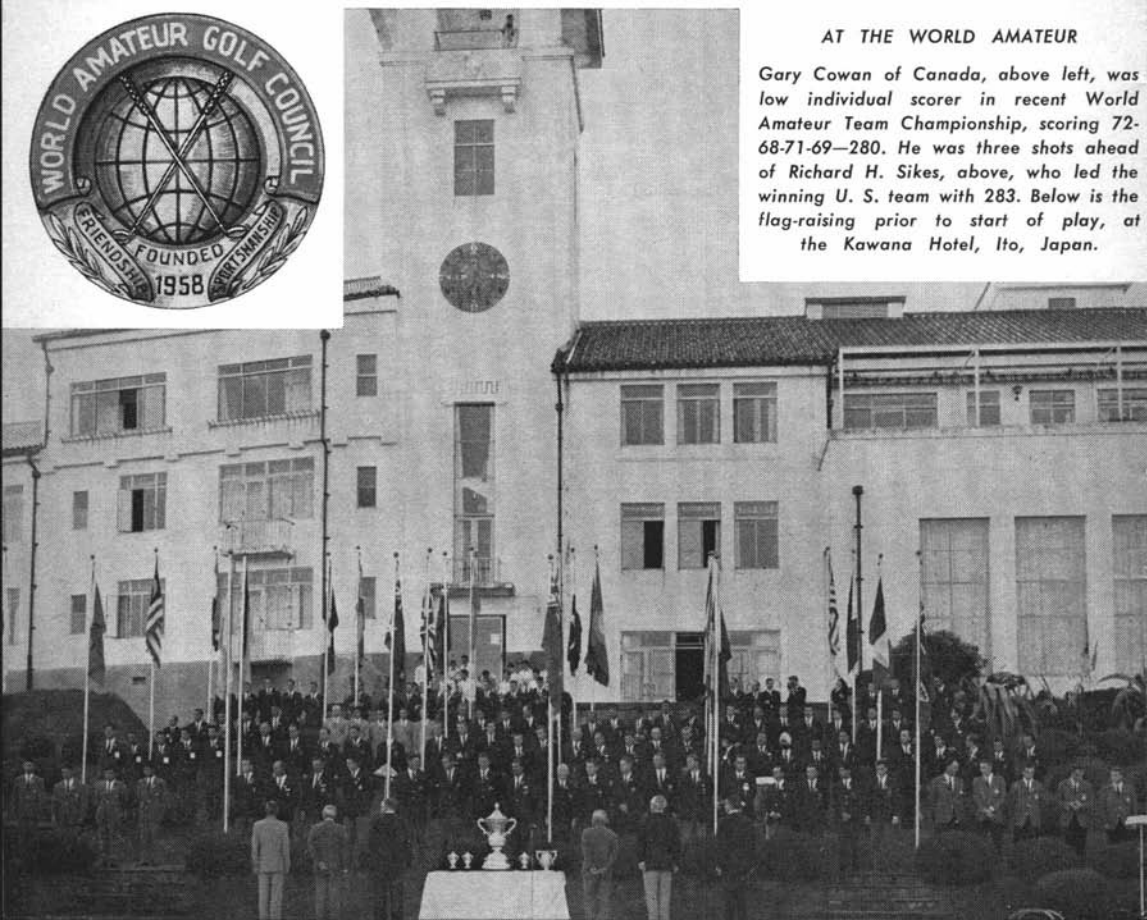
The turf cover is "Korai" (Korean) grass, or zoysia, with a fine-bladed hybridized type used on the putting greens. Zoysia is a stiffish grass which affords marvelous lies in the fairway, comparable with our very best Bermudagrass. On the putting green, it demands a truly made stroke, else errors are accentuated. Although this was their first experience with zoysia for nearly all the players, most of them learned to deal with it effectively. There were 13 sub-par scores in the 368 rounds played by 92 competitors; six were made in the final round. Three players scored 66.

The United States was represented by not only a winning team but also a corps of fine ambassadors—Deane R. Beman of Bethesda, Md., 24; Labron Harris, Jr., of Stillwater, Okla., the National Amateur Champion, who turned 21 on September 27; William J. Patton, of Morgantown, N. C., 40; and Richard H. Sikes, 22-year-old college student of Springdale, Ark. Their non-playing Captain was John D. Ames, of Chicago, former USGA President, one



AT THE WORLD AMATEUR

Gary Cowan of Canada, above left, was low individual scorer in recent World Amateur Team Championship, scoring 72-68-71-69—280. He was three shots ahead of Richard H. Sikes, above, who led the winning U. S. team with 283. Below is the flag-raising prior to start of play, at the Kawana Hotel, Ito, Japan.



of the original organizers of the World Amateur Golf Council and a first Joint Chairman.

To appreciate the victory of the Americans, the novel scoring system of the World Championship must be understood. The competition is 72 holes stroke play. Each team's four players play all four rounds; the team's score consists of the best three individual scores in each round. Thus, the results may well be in doubt until the last player of each team finishes. So it was at Kawana.

Going into the last round, the United States led Canada by merely two strokes, which is really no lead at all in this style of play. The experienced Billy Joe Patton was America's first player in the climactic round, but he came a cropper and finished with 81.

For the other Americans, this meant that each of them needed to keep the ball rolling, with little or no margin for error. Here is what those young men did when they had to do it: Beman, 66; Harris, 70; Sikes, 69;—a total of 205, tying the second-best single-round score since the Championship was inaugurated. It was a gallant finish, particularly as Harris and Sikes were new to international team play. Cheering them on after he finished was Billy Joe Patton, who is always an inspiring fellow to have around.

Canada is Second Best

The United States' winning score was 854. Canada was second with 862, followed by Great Britain and Ireland, 874; New Zealand, 882; and Mexico 887. One of the great surprises was the fine play by the Republic of China team; their 892 won sixth place by a stroke over Australia, which had been runner-up to the United States in 1960 and winner of the first Championship in 1958. Then came South Africa, 896. Japan made a splendid showing to be ninth with 902.

Canada duelled with the United States from the outset. After the first round, the USA led with 212, to

Canada's second-place 215. The lead shifted during a rainy second round; when it ended Canada was ahead, 432 to 438, with New Zealand holding a close third position.

The Americans rebounded strongly, wiped out Canada's six-stroke lead, and went ahead by two at the 54-hole point, 649 to 651. They were not to be denied in the stretch run.

Young R. H. Sikes, our National Public Links Champion the last two years, won a host of admirers by both his personality and his play in scoring three 69s and a 76. His personal total of 283 was the second best of the event. Except for a second-round 80, Deane Beman played superlative golf with two 70s and a 66. His 286 was the third lowest individual total. Labron Harris had 292 and made a grand finish which had much to do with his team's victory. Patton was our lowest scorer in the rain of the second round.

In the two previous World Championships Canada finished sixth. This time Gary Cowan set a pace that made his side a leader from the start. Cowan played marvelous golf and returned the lowest individual total, 72-68-71-69—280, level with Kawana's exacting par. His teammates were Bill Wakeham, Nick Weslock, and Bob Wylie, under the captaincy of Dr. Jack E. Leddy, President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

Three of the first five teams were from North America. Mexico's progress in golf development was emphasized when its team took fifth position. Juan Antonio Estrada, a fine golfer on any course, had the fourth best individual score of 287. He and Ronnie Shade, of Great Britain and Ireland, made 66s along with Deane Beman.

Following are the 72-hole scores of all the teams:

1. United States of America	854
2. Canada	862
3. Great Britain and Ireland	874
4. New Zealand	882



HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS

Impromptu clasping of hands and singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded the Eisenhower competition in Japan. Left to right, at left, are C. W. Benedict, United States; Shun Nomura, Tournament Chairman; Yuji Kodaera and Masakazu Oka, Vice-Chairmen. Below, reading from top of circle clockwise, are Dr. W. D. Ackland - Horman, Australia; Henry H. Turcan, Great Britain; Mitsujiro Iskii, President, Japan Golf Association; Gabriel Tudela, Peru; Brig. W L. Steele, Great Britain; H. S. Malik, India (in turban); Joseph C. Dey, Jr., United States.



5. Mexico	887
6. Republic of China	892
7. Australia	893
8. South Africa	896
9. Japan	902
10. Argentina	905
11. Italy	912
12. Germany	926
13. Philippines	929
14. India	931
15. Hong Kong	942
16. Sweden	943
17. Switzerland	947
18. Spain	961
19. Brazil	964
20. Bermuda	980
21. Peru	985
22. Malaya	1,036
23. Pakistan	1,056

Visitors to Kawana were impressed with the excellence of the course conditioning under the diligent superintendence of S. Takemoto. There were dozens of maintenance workers, mostly women, on the course throughout play; after a shot had been played from a greenside bunker, the sand was raked almost before the player left it. Before the tournament it was fascinating to watch the staff at work. Greens were rolled with a very large and heavy roller propelled by five women and two men (the men often merely guided the device). Fairway divots were promptly filled with top-dressing; caddies in Japan carry little bags of top-dressing for the purpose. Kawana has a number of out of bounds, carefully defined by white posts. Each post is numbered for its hole in sequence, starting at the boundary point nearest the tee; for example, on the 15th hole, the posts are identified as 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, etc.—no chance for error here in omitting a post or in identifying the place where a ball went out of bounds.

Prince, Princess Welcome Guests

The loving care given to the golf course was characteristic of the ceaseless work by the Japan Golf Association in its efforts to make this a superlative Championship. The proceedings began with a beautiful reception at the handsome new Hotel Okura in Tokyo. Prince Takamatsu, brother of

the Emperor, was Honorary Chairman of the tournament and, with his charming Princess, welcomed the guests at the reception, along with Mitsujiro Ishii and Shun Nomura, the Japan Golf Association's President and Vice-President, respectively.

Well-organized transportation by railroad took all players and delegates to Kawana in a happy group the next morning. There they spent eight delightful days and came to know beyond peradventure the warm hospitality and great diligence of their Japanese friends in providing a first-class golfing experience. Special mention must be made of Yuji Kodera, the Tournament Chairman; Masakazu Oka, Toyohiko Inui, Takeaki Kaneda, who published a magnificent program; Ichizo Oguri, and Mrs. Setsuko Kudo. Much of the behind-scenes organization was done by Ryohei Hanta, a tireless worker, whose knowledge of English and calm, happy disposition made him an excellent liaison.

But the guiding spirit for Japan was Shun Nomura, whose many friends in America rejoice in the fulfillment of his dream in having the Championship in his country. Five years ago he suggested a team match between high-handicappers of Japan and the United States. Although this never came about, it led to the creation of the World Amateur Golf Council and the meaningful biennial Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy.

One of the best contributions to the events at Kawana was made by the girls and young ladies who served as caddies. They were completely capable and charming in their blue trousered uniforms, white caps and veils, gloves and sneakers. The Japan Golf Association provided complimentary caddie service for the 92 players, plus 35 forecaddies. To do this, it was necessary to import 79 from 10 Tokyo suburban clubs and to provide their transportation and living expenses.

It was quite a sight to see perfect

caddie service and manners. The players were unanimous in their appreciation—and the Japanese girls were appreciative of their players, for many a golfer went home from Kawana with woolen clubhead covers for his woods, newly knitted on the spot by his admiring caddie. Nothing was more expressive of the spirit of Kawana.

DELEGATES AND DUFFERS CUP

A pleasant side event to the Championship is the Delegates and Duffers Cup, for officials and non-playing captains. It is at 36 holes stroke play.

Over Kawana's Oshima course, a short but tricky and hilly test, Manuel J. (Dindo) Gonzalez was the winner. He is President of the Philippine Amateur Golf Association. He scored 73-72—145, deducted 14 handicap strokes, and his net 131 took a one-year lease on the trophy. Second was Shigeso Inoue, of Japan, with 76-73—149—12—137.

In the Guest Division, Hord W. Hardin, USGA Treasurer, returned the low score of 74-75—149—8—141. Runner-up was Julio Orvananos, Mexico, 85-76—161—14—147.

There were 48 participants.

1964 CHAMPIONSHIP IN ROME

The 1964 World Amateur Team Championship will be played at the Olgiata Golf Club, Rome, Italy, it was decided at the biennial meeting of the World Amateur Golf Council. The probable dates are in the second week of October.

The Delegates decided to continue the Joint Chairmanship of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and the United States Golf Association. Henry Turcan represented the R and A as Joint Chairman at Kawana, and C. W. Benedict represented the USGA, in substitution for John M. Winters, Jr., USGA President. Joseph C. Dey, Jr., of the USGA, was re-elected Secretary.

In the Administrative Committee of the Council, Peru replaced Argentina, and India replaced New Zealand. Re-elected to the Committee were Italy, Japan, and Australia.

The following were present:

1. Argentine Golf Association
Dr. E. H. Maglione
2. Australian Golf Union
Dr. W. D. Ackland-Horman
3. Bermuda Golf Association
J. Thomas Smith
4. Brazilian Golf Association
Nestor Sozio, Sr.
5. Royal Canadian Golf Association
Dr. J. E. Leddy
6. Golf Association of the Republic of China
George Chi-min Chen
7. German Golf Association
H. O. Krings
8. Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, of Scotland
Henry H. Turcan
Brig. W. L. Steele
9. Royal Hong Kong Golf Club
Graeme Nicholl
10. Indian Golf Union
P. R. Surita
11. Italian Golf Federation
Conte Giuseppe Sabini
12. Japan Golf Association
Shun Nomura
13. Federation of Malaya Golf Association
Tun Sir Henry H. S. Lee
14. Mexican Golf Association
Rodrigo Medellin
15. New Zealand Golf Association
Douglas O. Whyte
16. Pakistan Golf Union
Tajuddin Salimi
17. Peruvian Golf Federation
Gabriel Tudela
18. Philippine Amateur Golf Ass'n.
M. J. Gonzalez
19. South African Golf Union
Justice H. E. P. Watermeyer
20. Spanish Golf Federation
Juan Antonio Andreu
21. Swedish Golf Union
(absent)
22. Swiss Golf Association
Erich Pfister
23. United States Golf Association
Clarence W. Benedict
Wm. Ward Foshay
Secretary, Joseph C. Dey, Jr.